

C:D:C;

where C comprises an outer monolithic layer containing a hydrophilic polymeric resin capable of absorbing and desorbing moisture and providing a barrier to water and microorganisms, said C layer being substantially free of particulate filler; and,

D comprises a microporous adhesive core layer for bonding said C layers together,

wherein said C layer substantially prevents the buildup of particulate filler material on a die during formation of said multilayer breathable film, and

wherein said microporous adhesive core layer comprises particulate filler having an average particle size between about .8 microns and about 3 microns, where upon stretching the microporous adhesive the core layer has at least 27.6% microvoids, said microporous adhesive core layer being constructed and arranged to provide the passage of gaseous water but substantially prevent the passage of liquid water.

32. (Amended) A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties

of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a coextruded three-layer film having as a minimum the structure C:D:C; wherein

C comprises an outer monolithic film layer containing a hydrophilic polymeric resin capable of absorbing and desorbing moisture and providing a barrier to water and microorganisms, said C layer being substantially free of particulate filler; and,

D comprises an adhesive core film layer for bonding said C layers together, the adhesive core film layer including micropores, the micropores being constructed and arranged to permit the passage of gaseous water and to provide a barrier to the passage of liquid water;

wherein said adhesive core film layer further comprises particulate filler having an average particle size between about .8 microns and about 3 microns, where upon stretching the adhesive core film layer has at least 27.6% microvoids; and

further wherein the adhesive core film layer is bonded to the outer monolithic film layers along an interface, the bonding at the interface being substantially complete and uniform.